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This First Substitute Brief on Appeal follows the Examiner's June 8, 2005 Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. The Examiner advised that "The brief does not contain the items required under 35 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order." The original Brief on Appeal was filed under the format of the prior 37 CFR 1.192. Your applicant now files its First Substitute Brief on

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TO THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS ON JUNE 3, 2004. THIS AMENDMENT WHOLLY REPLACES THE "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" AT PAGE 2 LINES 18-25 OF THE "ORIGINAL" SPECIFICATION. THUS, REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION WILL BE DENOTED "ORIGINAL" AND REFERENCE TO THE AMENDED SPECIFICATION WILL BE DENOTED "AMENDED".

A. A CONCISE EXPLANATION OF CLAIM 1: Claim 1 is an independent claim. A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in this independent claim, with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings by reference characters is now provided:

CLAIM 1: A fishing lure is claimed. The lure has two elongated shafts, a primary shaft (10) and a lure shaft (40). The lure shaft (40) and the primary shaft (10) are fixedly interconnected by shaft interconnection means at the lure shaft second end (50) proximal the second end (60) of the primary shaft (10). A fish hook means (70) affixed to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60) of the primary shaft (10). A lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50); means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader. The lure shaft (40) sized to receive a lure or a bate; the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50) being received by the locking means (110).

THE FOLLOWING, FOR CLAIM 1, IS A STATEMENT OF THE REFERENCES TO THE SPECIFICATION BY PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AND TO THE DRAWING(S), BY REFERENCE CHARACTERS.

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The primary shaft (10) has a first end (20) and a second end (30);

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Primary shaft (10)(Original Specification page 2/line 9, 11, 12, 14, 15; June 3, 2004 Amended Specification page 5/line 12, 14; Original Specification p3/line 7, 10, 12, 17, 20, 23, 24, 31; page 4/line 3, 6, 11, 15, 22 and 23; Drawings 1, 1B and 2) having a first end (20)(Original Specification p3/lines 7, 13, 15, 24; page 4/lines 12, 20, 22, 25; Drawings 1 and 2); and a second end (30)(Original Specification p3/lines 8, 10, 12, 25; page 4/line 1; Drawings 1, 1B, 2):

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The elongated lure shaft (40) has a lure shaft first end (50) and a lure shaft second end (60);

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Lure shaft (40) (Original Specification page 2/line 10, 11, 13; Amended Specification page 5/line 13, 16, 25; Original Specification page 3/line 8, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25; page 4/line 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 30, 31; Drawings 1, 1B, 2) having a lure shaft first end (50) (Original Specification page 3/line 8, 13, 25; page 4/line 13, 31; page 5/line 2,3; Drawings 1) and a lure shaft second end (60) (Original Specification page 3/lines 9, 26; Drawings 1, 1B, 2);

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The lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft second end (50) fixedly interconnected by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60);

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The lure shaft (40) (Original Specification page 2/line 10, 11, 13; Amended Specification page 5/line 13, 16, 25; Original Specification page 3/line 8, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25; page 4/line 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 30, 31; Drawings 1, 1B, 2) at the lure shaft second end (50) (See Claim 1 subparagraph b; drawings 1) fixedly interconnected by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft (10) (See claim 1, subparagraph a; drawings 1; 1B, 2) proximal the second end (60) (See Claim 1 subparagraph b; Drawings 1, 1B, 2);

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A fish hook means (70) having a hook shaft (90); the hook shaft (90) secured by hook shaft affixing means (100) to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60);

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a fish hook means (70) (Original Specification page 3/line 11; Drawings 1, 1B, 2) having a hook shaft (90) (Original Specification page 3/line 11, 27, 30; page 4/line 1, 3, 4; Drawings 1B); the hook shaft (90) secured by hook shaft affixing means (100) (Original Specification page 3/line 11, 27, 29; Drawing 1, 1B, 2) to the

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Lure shaft locking means (110) (Original Specification page 3/12; Drawings 1, 1A, 2) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50); means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader;

The lure shaft (40) sized to receive a lure or a bate; the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50) being received by the locking means (110);

The lure shaft (40) (Original Specification page 2/line 10, 11, 13; Amended Specification page 5/line 13, 16, 25; Original Specification page 3/line 8, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25; page 4/line 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 30, 31; Drawings 1, 1B, 2) sized to receive a lure or a bate; the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft (40) (Original Specification page 2/line 10, 11, 13; Amended Specification page 5/line 13, 16, 25; Original Specification page 3/line 8, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25; page 4/line 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 30, 31; Drawings 1, 1B, 2) at the lure shaft first end (50) being received by the locking means (110).

- B. A STATEMENT FOR CLAIM 1 OF EVERY MEANS PLUS FUNCTION AND STEP PLUS FUNCTION ARE NOW IDENTIFIES AND THE STRUCTURE, MATERIAL, OR ACTS DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIFICATION AS CORRESPONDING TO EACH CLAIMED FUNCTION ARE SET FORTH WITH REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFICATION BY PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AND TO THE DRAWING(S), BY REFERENCE CHARACTERS:
 - 1. "The lure shaft (40)...interconnected by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft (10)...;"

The function is the interconnection of the lure shaft (40) with the primary shaft

(10). The means is in the Original specification, Page 3/lines 19-22 as follows: "The lure

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 shaft (40) is connected to the primary shaft (10) by shaft interconnection means which includes, but as will be recognized by those of ordinary skill in interconnection arts is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist, and ferrule." Drawing 1B illustrates the shaft interconnection means as reference character 13.

2. "A fish hook means (70) having a hook shaft (90); the hook shaft (90) secured by hook shaft affixing means (100) to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60);"

The function of "fish hook means" is a hook for fishing. The means is a fish hook at Original specification page 3/line 11. The function of "hook shaft affixing means" (100) is to attach a fish hook shaft to the lure. The means is found in the Original specification stating "...The hook shaft (90) is affixed by hook shaft affixing means includes but is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist or ferrule." is found at the Original specification page 3/lines 27-28.

3. "A lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20)..."

The function of "lure shaft locking means" is stated in the Original specification page 3/lines 12-14" as "...Lure shaft locking means (110) is positioned proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50) when a lure or bait has been skewered onto the lure shaft (40). The means is "(Original Specification page 3/12; Drawings 1, 1A, 2) is by a double barrel ferrule (110) (Original Specification page 2/line 12, 20, 24; Drawings 1A) the double barrel ferrule (110) having a first barrel (120) (Original Specification page 2/line 12; page 4/line 11; Drawing 1A) receiving and securing the primary shaft (10) proximal the first end (20) and having a second barrel (130) (Original Specification page 2/line 13, 24; page 4/line 12, 16, 17; page 5/line 1,2; drawing 1A) receiving the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50).

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C. A STATEMENT FOR CLAIM 2, A DEPENDENT CLAIM, OF EVERY MEANS PLUS FUNCTION AND STEP PLUS FUNCTION ARE NOW IDENTIFIES AND THE STRUCTURE, MATERIAL, OR ACTS DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIFICATION AS CORRESPONDING TO EACH CLAIMED FUNCTION ARE SET FORTH WITH REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFICATION BY PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AND TO THE DRAWING(S), BY REFERENCE CHARACTERS:

CLAIM 2:

1. "the shaft interconnection means (28)..."

The function is the interconnection of the lure shaft (40) with the primary shaft (10). The means is in the Original specification, Page 3/lines 19-22 as follows: "The lure shaft (40) is connected to the primary shaft (10) by shaft interconnection means which includes, but as will be recognized by those of ordinary skill in interconnection arts is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist, and ferrule." Drawing 1B illustrates the shaft interconnection means as reference character 13.

2. "hook shaft affixing means (100)..."

The function of "hook shaft affixing means" (100) is to attach a fish hook shaft to the lure. The means is found in the Original specification stating "...The hook shaft (90) is affixed by hook shaft affixing means includes but is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist or ferrule." is found at the Original specification page 3/lines 27-28.

3. "lure shaft locking means (110)..."

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The function of "lure shaft locking means" is stated in the Original specification page 3/lines 12-14" as "...Lure shaft locking means (110) is positioned proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50) when a lure or bait has been skewered onto the lure shaft (40). The means is "(Original Specification page 3/12; Drawings 1, 1A, 2) is by a double barrel ferrule (110) (Original Specification page 2/line 12, 20, 24; Drawings 1A) the double barrel ferrule (110) having a first barrel (120) (Original Specification page 2/line 12; page 4/line 11; Drawing 1A) receiving and securing the primary shaft (10) proximal the first end (20) and having a second barrel (130) (Original Specification page 2/line 13, 24; page 4/line 12, 16, 17; page 5/line 1,2; drawing 1A) receiving the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50).

D. A STATEMENT FOR CLAIM 3, A DEPENDENT CLAIM, OF EVERY MEANS PLUS FUNCTION AND STEP PLUS FUNCTION ARE NOW IDENTIFIES AND THE STRUCTURE, MATERIAL, OR ACTS DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIFICATION AS CORRESPONDING TO EACH CLAIMED FUNCTION ARE SET FORTH WITH REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFICATION BY PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AND TO THE DRAWING(S), BY REFERENCE CHARACTERS:

CLAIM 3:

1. "the shaft interconnection means (28)..."

The function is the interconnection of the lure shaft (40) with the primary shaft (10). The means is in the Original specification, Page 3/lines 19-22 as follows: "The lure shaft (40) is connected to the primary shaft (10) by shaft interconnection means which

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includes, but as will be recognized by those of ordinary skill in interconnection arts is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist, and ferrule." Drawing 1B illustrates the shaft interconnection means as reference character 13.

2. "the lure shaft locking means (110)..."

The function of "lure shaft locking means" is stated in the Original specification page 3/lines 12-14" as "...Lure shaft locking means (110) is positioned proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50) when a lure or bait has been skewered onto the lure shaft (40). The means is "(Original Specification page 3/12; Drawings 1, 1A, 2) is by a double barrel ferrule (110) (Original Specification page 2/line 12, 20, 24; Drawings 1A) the double barrel ferrule (110) having a first barrel (120) (Original Specification page 2/line 12; page 4/line 11; Drawing 1A) receiving and securing the primary shaft (10) proximal the first end (20) and having a second barrel (130) (Original Specification page 2/line 13, 24; page 4/line 12, 16, 17; page 5/line 1,2; drawing 1A) receiving the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50).

3. "the hook shaft affixing means (100)

The function of "hook shaft affixing means" (100) is to attach a fish hook shaft to the lure. The means is found in the Original specification stating "...The hook shaft (90) is affixed by hook shaft affixing means includes but is not limited to welding, wire wrap, wire twist or ferrule." is found at the Original specification page 3/lines 27-28.

E. A STATEMENT FOR CLAIM 4, A DEPENDENT CLAIM, OF EVERY MEANS PLUS FUNCTION AND STEP PLUS FUNCTION ARE NOW IDENTIFIES AND THE STRUCTURE, MATERIAL, OR ACTS DESCRIBED IN

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THE SPECIFICATION AS CORRESPONDING TO EACH CLAIMED FUNCTION ARE SET FORTH WITH REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFICATION BY PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AND TO THE DRAWING(S), BY REFERENCE CHARACTERS:

CLAIM 4:

b. "the lure shaft (40) having a spring function urging the sure shaft (40) away from the primary shaft (10) when the lure shaft (40) is received into the second barrel (130)."

The function is urge the lure shaft (40) away from the primary shaft (10).... The means is a spring function of the lure shaft urge it away from the primary shaft (10). (Original Specification page 2/line 10, 11, 13; Amended Specification page 5/line 13, 16, 25; Original Specification page 3/line 8, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25; page 4/line 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 30, 31; Drawings 1, 1B, 2)

6. (41.37(c)(vi) GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL::

A. Whether Claims 1, 2 and 3 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boullt et al (US5605004).

B. Whether Claim 4 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Boullt et al in view of Ogle (US5253446).

7. (41.37(c)(vii) ARGUMENT

The Claims subject to this appeal, claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, do not stand or fall together.

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The Claims subject to this appeal, claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, do not form groups.

In accordance with In re Young, 927 F.2d 588, 590 (C.A. Fed. 1991), arguments are set forth regarding these points relative to of each of Claims 1, 2, 3 and 4.

A. Regarding Rejections of Claims 1, 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b): <u>Law</u> regarding 35 U.S.C. 102(claims are argued separately).

A rejection for anticipation under section 102 requires that each and every limitation of the claimed invention be disclosed in a single prior art reference. (Helifix Ltd. v. Blok-Lok, Ltd. 208 F.3d 1339, 1346, C.A.Fed. (Mass.),2000; For a prior art reference to anticipate in terms of 35 U.S.C. S 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference. The elements must be arranged as in the claim under review. (In Re Bond, 910 F.2d 831, 832, 15 USPQ2d 1566, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1990). Prior art anticipates an invention ... if a single prior art reference contains each and every element of the patent at issue, operating in the same fashion to perform the identical function as the patented product. "Thus, any degree of physical difference between the patented product and the prior art, NO MATTER HOW SLIGHT, defeats the claim of anticipation." (American Permahedge, Inc. v. Barcana, Inc., 857 F. Supp. 308, 317, 32 USPQ2d 1801, 1807-08 (S.D. N.Y. 1994); It is incumbent upon the examiner to identify wherein each and every facet of the claimed invention is disclosed in the applied reference. (MPEP 1504.02 (page 1500-26 Rev. 2 May 2004; Ex Parte Levy, 17 USPQ2d 1461, 1462 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int'f 1990)). Since the structures of Boullt differ from that shown herein, the reference must be discounted as anticipating the present invention.

Thus, in summary regarding Claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, all rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), has the following been shown:

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1. that each and every limitation of the claimed invention is disclosed in Boullt et al. US Patent No. 5605004.

2. that Boullt et al anticipates, in terms of 35 U.S.C. S 102, every element of the claimed invention such that each element is identically shown in this single reference.

- 3. that the elements of Boullt et al are arranged as in the claim under review.
- 4. That the Examiner has met the burden "...to identify wherein each and every facet of the claimed invention is disclosed in the applied reference of Boullt et al.

The claim of anticipation is defeated if "...any degree of physical difference between the patented product and the prior art, NO MATTER HOW SLIGHT..." exists. Your applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner has not met the requirements of the cases and principals above cited. Your applicant respectfully asserts that the structures of Boullt et al differ from the structures claimed in Claims 1, 2 and 3 and hence that the reference of Boullt et al must be discounted as anticipating the present invention.

CLAIM 1: The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 as anticipated by Boullt, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 1, the Examiner states that Boullt et

"...disclose a fishing lure comprising an elongated primary shaft 20 having a first and second end, an elongated lure shaft 28 having a lure shaft first end and a lure shaft second end, the lure shaft at the lure shaft second end fixedly interconnected

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by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft proximal the second end(see structure located between elements 26 and 22); a fish hook means having a hook shaft 42 the hook shaft secured by hook shaft affixing means to the primary shaft proximal the second end (figure 8); the lure shaft locking means proximal the first end to secure the lure shaft first end; means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader (col 4, lines 20-30); and the lure shaft 28 sized to receive a lure or bait; the bait secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft at the sure shaft first end being received by the locking means (best seen in figure 8, where elements 24 and 48 join in a joint covered by the body portion 46).

Your applicant respectfully reiterates the structure of the present invention from Claim 1. The present invention comprises:

- 1. (Currently amended) A fishing lure comprising:
 - a. an elongated primary shaft (10) having a first end (20) and a second end (30);
- b. an elongated lure shaft (40) having a lure shaft first end (50) and a lure shaft second end (60);
- c. the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft second end (50) fixedly interconnected by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60);
- d. a fish hook means (70) having a hook shaft (90); the hook shaft (90) secured by hook shaft affixing means (100) to the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60);
- e. lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50); means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader;
- f. the lure shaft (40) sized to receive a lure or a bate; the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50) being received by the locking means (110).

The Examiner incorrectly analogizes a first arm 24 and a second arm 26, from Boullt et al col 4/lines 20-23 and col 4/lines 33-39, with the primary shaft (10) and the lure shaft (40) of the present invention. The structure of Boullt et al is distinguished from

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that of the present invention. In Boullt et al col 4/lines 20-23 and col 4/lines 33-39, there is disclosed:

The preferred embodiment, as shown in FIGS. 1 through 8, is comprised of a wire shaft 20 angularly bent into a substantially V-shape at an apex 22 forming a first arm 24 and a second arm 26.

The prime novelty of the invention resides in the addition of a hollow tube 28 positioned over and intimately surrounding the shaft first arm 24. This tube 28 reinforces the arm 24, increasing the stiffness and changing the structural integrity entirely, thus augmenting the first arms 24 rigidity and, yet, leaving the unsheathed second arm 26 sufficiently flexible to move freely when acted upon by secondary forces.

The Board's attention is drawn first to the fact that the first arm 24 and the second arm 26 do share a shaft locking means to secure the first arm 24 proximal the first end.

Thus Boullt et al specifically fails to demonstrate claim 1 subparagraph "e. lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50);...".

The Examiner incorrectly analogizes Boullt et al tube 28, as "an elongated lure shaft 28". It rather is a tube 28 which reinforces arm 24. The Examiner incorrectly analogized tube 28 ("the lure shaft 28) sized to receive a lure or bait; the bait secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft at the sure shaft first end being received by the locking means which the Examiner states is "best seen in figure 8[of Boullt et al], where elements 24 and 48 join in a joint covered by the body portion 46." Here the Examiner has ascribed a non-existing "locking means" attribute to tube 28 and the structure of Boullt et al. Your applicants invention presents a

"primary shaft (10)...[and]...an elongated lure shaft (40)...[with]...lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50); means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader...the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft first end (50) being received by the locking means 9110)."

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The Boullt et al elements 24 and 48 and other elements pertinent to the examination of the limitations of your present invention are address in Boullt et al at column 5 commencing at line 32 as follows:

A conventional fishing hook 42 is angularly crimped onto the outermost end of the first arm 24 and tube 28...with its obvious purpose of retaining a fish when caught. The angle of the hook 42, with respect to the arm 24, is preferably from 40 degrees to 50 degrees, with 45 degrees optimum...A weighted head 44 surrounds the hook r2 at the crimp interface...The head 44, shown best in FIG. 8, consists of a head portion 46, neck 48, collar 50, and trailer keeper 52, and is constructed...

The Board is respectfully urged to appreciate that Boullt et al does not present a primary shaft (10) and a lure shaft (40), the two of which are secured together by locking means (110) such that bate is secured from "throw off". Rather, Boullt et al demonstrates a hook means is affixed at the equivalent of the present invention's lure shaft (40) first end (50). This is in opposition of the placement of the hook means (70) in the present invention at the lure shaft second end (60) and the primary shaft second end (30) of the present invention.

Additionally, the Boullt et al tube (28), which is similar to the lure shaft (40) of the present invention, is not received and locked at a locking means (110) as seen in your applicants invention disclosure and claim.

The applicant has amended the Drawings and has submitted substitute Drawings. However, the structural differences between your applicant's invention and that of Boullt is seen in the comparison of the Figures as originally submitted with this application. Both the substitute drawings and the original drawings are included in the Appendix to this Brief on Appeal.

It is respectfully submitted that said differences distinguish your applicant's invention from that of Boullt et al. Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to find

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 that Boullt et al does not anticipate the present structure and hence fails under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

CLAIM 2: Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 2, the Examiner compares that portion of Boullt between "26 and 22" with the present invention "shaft interconnection means ...by welding, wire wrap, wire twist, or ferrule" of the primary shaft (10) at the second end (30) with the lure shaft second end (60).

Your applicant respectfully draws the Board's attention to the structure of Boullt et al at the "26 to 22" portion where a single wire is bent at 22 of Boullt et al thereby forming a first arm 24 and a second arm 26. (Boullt et al at col 4/lines 22-23). Your applicant respectfully argues that this forming of a "...substantially V-shape at an apex...", seen in Boullt et al at col 4/line 22, is not the structure described and claimed by your applicant in joining the primary shaft and the lure shaft.

The Examiner, at paragraph 3, last phrase of the Examiner's Action of August 6, 2004, refers to "lure shaft locking means is by ferrule means (40)" for Boullt et al. The Board's attention is drawn to Boullt et al col 5/lines 26-28 and the identification of hollow sleeve (40). The Board will see that the hollow sleeve (40) of Boullt is at the structural equivalent of the first end (20) of the primary shaft (10) of your applicant's invention rather than at the lure shaft first end (50). That is, the hollow sleeve (40) of Boullt et al secures the "primary shaft" or second arm (26) of Boullt et al rather than the lure shaft.

It is respectfully submitted that said differences in structure both disclosed and claimed distinguish your applicant's invention from that of Boullt et al. Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to find that Boullt et al does not anticipate the present structure and hence fails under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

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observes "the shaft interconnection means is by wire twist of the lure shaft 22 proximal

CLAIM 3: Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 3, the Examiner again

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the lure shaft second end about the primary shaft proximal the second end" with reference to elements 20, 22 of Boullt et al in Fig. 8. The Board's attention is directed to the continuous wire shaft of Boullt et al extending to form the first leg 24 and the second leg 26 with a V-shape apex formed at the bend 22. There is no comparable structure in Boullt et al to the present invention's primary shaft (10) and the lure shaft (40) and the interconnection of the two as is seen in your applicant's invention. Arguments set forth regarding Claims 1 and 2 are here incorporated relative to the basis for rejection of Claim 3. The Examiner refers to a double barrel ferrule 40 in Boullt et al. The Board's

attention is drawn to the fact that there is no double barrel femule in Boullt et al by reference to Boullt et al at column 5/lines 26-27 where the element indicated by the Examiner as a double barrel ferrule 40 in Boullt is stated as "...a hollow cylinder 40 illustrated by itself in FIG. 6." However, the Board's attention is more specifically directed to the disclosure in Boullt et al at col 5/lines 10-30 where both a sleeve 36 and a hollow cylinder 40 is discussed and depicted in FIG 1, 3, 5, 6 and 9 where the sleeve 36 or hollow cylinder 40 is depicted as a closure device to form Boullt et al arm 26 into an eye. This specific structure of Boullt et al, i.e., sleeve 36 as a closure device and arm 26 closed into any eye, to be relevant here must be identical to the structure of your applicant's invention at subparagraph e. of claim 1 stating "e. lure shaft locking means (110) proximal the first end (20) to secure the lure shaft first end (50); means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader;." The closure sleeve 36 of Boullt et al does not engage the second end (30) of a primary shaft (10) and the lure shaft (40) at the lure shaft second end (50). The structure of your applicant's disclosure and claim is not found in

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Boullt et al.

The Examiner, at page 3, paragraph 4 in the Action of August 6, 2004, observes, in Boullt et al, the use of a "ferrule" 28 having a first ferrule end and a second ferrule end with the second ferrule end receiving the hook shaft. The Board is respectfully directed to Boullt et al at col 4/line 21-23 where the "wire shaft 20 angularly bent into a substantially V-shape at an apex 22 forming a first arm 24 and a second arm 26. And the Board is directed to col 4/line 33-34 stating "The prime novelty of the invention [of Boullt] resides in the addition of a hollow tube 28 positioned over and intimately surrounding the shaft first arm 24. This tube 28 reinforces..." Hence, there is no ferrule 28 in Boullt et al. Rather, in Boullt, col 5/lines 30-33, "A conventional fishing hook 42 is angularly crimped onto the outermost end of the first arm 24 and tube 28, as depicted in the cross-section of FIG. 8 ..." The Examiner's reference to "ferrule" 28 is directed to analogizing the tube 28 of Boullt et al with the structure of the present invention namely "...a ferrule (100) having a first ferrule end (102) and a second ferrule end (103; the first ferrule end (102) receiving the primary shaft (10) at the second end (30); the second ferrule end (103) receiving the hook shaft (90); crimping means to secure the ferrule (100) to the primary shaft (10) and to the hook shaft (90)." The fact of the Boullt et al fishing hook 42 crimping onto the "...tube 28..." distinguishes the Boullt et al structure from that of the present invention.

Of greater pertinence is the structure disclosed in Boullt et al, col 4/lines 21-23 "The preferred embodiment...is comprised of a wire shaft 20 angularly bent into a substantially V-shape at an apex 22 forming a first arm 24 and a second arm 26..." and at Col 4/lines 33- "The prime novelty of the invention resides in the addition of a hollow tube 28 positioned over and intimately surrounding the shaft first arm 24. This tube 28 reinforces the arm 24, increasing the stiffness and changing the structural integrity

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forces..." At col 5/lines 3-8 "Further, the shaft 20 is configured with an arched open loop 30 formed integrally with the hollow tube 28 at the apex of the V-shape...as the purpose of the loop is to provide an attachment for the fishing line..." The open loop 30 fulfills the purpose of the first end (20) of the primary shaft (10) of your applicant's invention and comprises a distinctly different structure. In Boullt et al, a fish hook 42 is attached to first arm 24. Your applicant's disclosure and claim is for a fish hook (70) to be affixed by means at the primary shaft (10) proximal the second end (60). The structures are distinctly different.

Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to find that Boullt et al does not

B. Regarding Rejections of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

<u>Law regarding 35 U.S.C. 103(a).</u>

anticipate the present structure and hence fails under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

The absence of a feature similar to the feature or features of the present invention are respectfully argued as references which teach away from the disclosed and claimed invention and thus are not appropriately a basis of rejection under 103 National Steel Car, Ltd. v. Canadian Pacific Ry., Ltd. 357 F.3d 1319, 1339 (C.A.Fed. Pa. 2004). In general a reference will teach away if the line of development flowing from the references disclosure is unlikely to be productive of the result sought by the applicant. The structural distinctions demonstrated in Argument relating to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) demonstrate that Boullt et al does not flow toward the structures of your present applicant's invention and hence teach away from the present invention.

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The Examiner has urged prior art alone and in combination as rendering obvious the present invention. However, there is not demonstrated teaching, suggestion or motivation to so combine the several components in the manner done by your present applicant. Such recitation of prior art does not form a basis for rejection as obvious. C.R. Bard, Inc. v. M3 Systems, Inc., 157 F.3d 1340, 1361, 48 USPQ2d 1225, 1240 (Fed. Cir. 1998), rehearing denied & suggestion for rehearing in banc declined, 161 F.3d 1380 (Fed. Cir. 1998) ("The ultimate question is whether, from the evidence of the prior art and the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the relevant art, there was in the prior art an appropriate teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine components in the way that was done by the inventor."); Chiuminatta Concrete Concepts, Inc. v. Cardinal Industries, Inc., 145 F.3d 1303, 1312, 46 USPQ2d 1752, 1759 (Fed. Cir. 1998) ("for a claim to be invalid for obviousness over a combination of references, there must have been a motivation to combine the prior art references to produce the claimed invention."); Kahn v. General Motors Corp., 135 F.3d 1472, 45 USPQ2d 1608 (Fed. Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 119 S. Ct. 177 (1998); Fromson v. Anitec Printing Plates, Inc., 132 F.3d 1437, 1447, 45 USPQ2d 1269, 1276 (Fed. Cir. 1997), cert. denied, 119 S. Ct. 56 (1998) ("there is no suggestion or teaching in the prior art to select from the various known procedures and combine specific steps, along with a new electrical structure, in the way that is described and claimed by [the patentee]."); Gambro Lundia AB v. Baxter Healthcare Corp., 110 F.3d 1573, 1578-79, 42 USPQ2d 1378, 1383, 1384 (Fed. Cir. 1997) ("the record must provide a teaching, suggestion, or reason to substitute computer-controlled valves for the system of hoses in the prior art. The absence of such a suggestion to combine is dispositive in an obviousness determination."; "Without a suggestion or teaching to combine, [the accused infringer's] case of obviousness suffers a significant deficiency."); Kolmes v. World Fibers Corp., 107 F.3d 1534, 1541, 41 USPQ2d 1829,

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1833 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (the district court did not err in holding the patent in suit not invalid for obviousness; the patent concerned a cut-resistant yarn for use in making products such as gloves, which, unlike prior art yarns, did not use metallic components such as wire; the yarn includes two core strands wrapped in opposite directions around two covering strands; one core strand is fiberglass; the other core strand and the covering strands are nylon or other material; the patent's claim required, inter alia, that there be a two strand core and that the covering strands be "wrapped about said core at the rate of 8-12 turns per inch."; a prior art reference showed a yarn with a wrapping rate of 2-24 turns per inch, but the reference disclosed the use of wire, and the accused infringer "has shown no suggestion or motivation to modify the teaching of the [reference] with regard to non-metallic fibers."); Litton Systems, Inc. v. Honeywell, Inc., 87 F.3d 1559, 1568, 39 USPQ2d 1321, 1327 (Fed. Cir. 1996) (''[N]one of the prior art references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method [specified in the patent's claims]. The prior art simply does not contain many limitations in the claimed method. Furthermore, the record discloses no teaching or suggestion to combine any of these references. The absence of a suggestion to combine is telling in an obviousness determination."); Beachcombers, International, Inc. v. WildeWood Creative Products, Inc., 31 F.3d 1154, 1161-62, 31 USPQ2d 1653, 1659 (Fed. Cir. 1994) (the patent claims in suit were not obvious in view of the prior art because the art did "not remotely suggest configuring" the device as required by the claim); Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG v. Hantscho Commercial Products, Inc., 21 F.3d 1068, 1072, 30 USPQ2d 1377, 1379 (Fed. Cir. 1993) ("When the patented invention is made by combining known components to achieve a new system, 22 the prior art must provide a suggestion or motivation to make such a combination."). 23 Texas Instruments Inc. V. U.S. Int'l Trade Comm'n, 988 F.2d 1165, 1174, 1178, 26 24 USPQ2d 1018 (Fed. Cir. 1993) for the proposition that obviousness is not supported 25 26 Certificate of facsimile filing of First Substitute Brief on Appeal, Application No. 10/654,854 27 July 6, 2005 by Floyd E. Ivey in response to Notification of Mon/Compliant Appeal Brief of June 18/ 2995.

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where the references do not demonstrate to combine to produce the invention as presently disclosed.

The issue of viewing the present invention as a template is an inappropriate basis for rejection on the basis of obviousness. The prior art "references in combination do not suggest the invention as a whole claimed in the ... patent. Absent such a suggestion to combine the references, respondents can do no more than piece the invention together using the patented invention as a template." Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG v. Hantscho Commercial Products, Inc., 21 F.3d 1068, 30 USPQ2d 1377 (Fed. Cir. 1993 where the court held that "The motivation to combine references can not come from the invention itself."

The applicant respectfully submits that the references, alone and in combination, otherwise must constitute improper use of hindsight reconstruction. In Re Pleuddeman, 910 F.2d 823, 827, 15 US PQ2d 1738, 1742 (Fed. Cir. 1990). The cases cited stand for the rule that decomposing an invention into its constituent elements, finding each element in the prior art, and then claiming that it is easy to reassemble these elements into the invention, is a forbidden ex post analysis. The applicant submits that it is impermissible to use the claimed invention as an instruction manual or template to piece together the teachings of the prior art so that the claimed invention is rendered obvious. The references simply do not teach to combine the requisite features of your applicant's invention. "Before the PTO may combine the disclosures of two or more prior art references in order to establish Prima Facie obviousness, there must be some suggestion for doing so, found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. (IN RE Jones, 958 F.2d 347, 351, 21 USPQ2d 1941, 1943-44 (Fed. Cir. 1992)). "Evidence of a suggestion, teaching, or motivation to combine prior art references may flow, inter alia, from the references themselves, the

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knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art, or from the nature of the problem to be solved. See In Re Dembiczak, 175 F.3d 994, 998-99, 50 USPQ2d at 1617. Although a reference need not expressly teach that the disclosure contained therein should be combined with another, see Motorola, Inc. v. Interdigital Tech. Corp., 121 F.3d 1461, 1472, 43 USPQ2d 1481, 1489 (Fed. Cir. 1997), the showing of combinability, in whatever form, must nevertheless be "clear and particular." Dembiczak, 175 F.3d at 999, 50 USPQ2d at 1617." Winner International Royalty Corporation v. Ching-Rong Wang, 202 F.3d 1340, 1349 (CAFC 2000).

UNEXPECTED IMPROVED QUALITIES. Your applicant respectfully comments on the unexpected improved qualities inherent in this disclosure and particularly in contrast to the disclosures of cited in the Examiner's Action. The recognition that the spring function between the primary shaft and the lure shaft when the lure shaft is received into the second barrel as a means of lessening the "throw off" of bait is seen as an unexpected improvement over the cited art.

These stated features solves a concern of fisherman in lessening the likelihood of loss of bate. "Factors including unexpected results, new features, solution of a different problem, novel properties, are all considerations in the determination of obviousness in terms of 35 U.S.C. S 103. When such factors are described in the specification they are weighed in determining, in the first instance, whether the prior art presents a prima facie case of obviousness ... When such factors are brought out in prosecution before the PTO, they are considered in determining whether a prima facie case, if made based on the prior art, has been rebutted." *IN RE Wright*, 848 F.2d 1216, 1219, 6 USPQ2d 1959, 1962 (Fed. Cir. 1988), DISAPPROVED IN PART, *IN RE Dillon*, 919 F.2d 688, 16 USPQ2d 1897 (Fed. Cir. 1990), CERT. DENIED, *Dillon v. Manbeck*, 111 S. Ct. 1682 (1991), discussed in CHISUMS at S 5.04[6][d]; *IN RE Merchant*, 575

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F.2d 865, 869, 197 USPQ 785, 788 (CCPA 1978) (stressing that there is no requirement that the "unexpected results relied upon for patentability be recited in the CLAIMS". "It is entirely proper, nevertheless, in evaluating nonobviousness, for a court to take to account advantages directly flowing from the invention patented. After all, those advantages are the foundation of that 'commercial success' which may be evidence of nonobviousness." *Preemption Devices, Inc. v. Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.*, 732 F.2d 903, 907, 221 USPQ 841, 844 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

The applicant has set forth arguments and law for the basis upon which prior art cited under 35 U.S.C. 103 should not result in a conclusion of obviousness for the present invention as specified and claimed. The applicant has presented features of the present invention which are not found within the claims of either reference patent.

SUMMARY of Law regarding 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Thus, in summary regarding Claim 4, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), has the following been shown:

- 1. That there is present, in the prior art, a feature similar to the feature or features of the present invention and that hence the cited prior art reference(s) do not teach away from the disclosed and claimed invention.
 - 2. That there is motivation to combine the prior art references.
- 3. From the evidence of the prior art and the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the relevant art, there was in the prior art an appropriate teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine components in the way that was done by the inventor.

The assertion of obviousness is defeated if there is no suggestion or teaching in the prior art to select from the various known procedures and combine specific steps...in

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the way that is described and claimed by the applicant.

The record must provide a teaching, suggestion, or reason to substitute for the elements of the structure in the prior art. The absence of such a suggestion to combine is dispositive in an obviousness determination.

Without a suggestion or teaching to combine, the urging of obviousness suffers a significant deficiency.

An unexpected improved quality is found in the spring function between the primary shaft (10) and the lure shaft (40) when the lure shaft is received into the second barrel as a means of lessening the "throw off" of bait which is seen as an unexpected improvement over the cited art.

Your applicant respectfully asserts that the references taken as a whole do not suggest the claimed subject matter of the present invention and that the combination indicated is improper. Examiner has not met the requirements of the cases and principals above cited. Your applicant respectfully asserts that the structures of Boullt et al differ from the structure claimed in Claim 4 and hence that the reference of Boullt et al and of Boullt

CLAIM 4:

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 4: The Examiner, at paragraph 6 rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boullt et al in view of Ogle. The Examiner notes that Boullt et al discloses a metal wire with a spring function at col 4/lines 22-25. The Board is referred to Boullt et al claim5 regarding a "spring" function in Boullt. The reference at col 4/lines 22-25 to "spring" is to the preferred material for the forming of the continuous wire comprising the first arm and second arm, 24 and 26, but does not then describe a spring function between the first arm

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and the second arm, 24 and 26.

This is a distinctly different structure from that described by your applicant at the patent application page 4 commencing at line 14 and claimed at claim 4 where the lure shaft (40) is urged away from the primary shaft (10) by a spring function when the lure shaft (40) is received into the second barrel (130).

Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to find that Boullt et al does not teach a spring function to urge separation of a lure shaft (40) from a primary shaft (10), does not render obvious the present structure and hence fails under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

The Examiner has cited Ogle for the use of copper wire in fishing lures and concludes that the color "tobacco" is completely equivalent to the color "copper" based on the Examiner's personal experience in being raised on a tobacco farm. The Examiner's comment is a belief or conclusion without cited authority and is thus without basis for use in rejection of a patent claim. An applicant has a duty to resist an Examiner's assertions of unsupported beliefs. *Omark Industries, Inc. v. Carlton Co.* 458 F.Supp. 449, 453 (D.C.Or.1978)

Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to find that Boullt et al in view of Ogle does not render claim 4 obvious and hence fails under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

UNEXPECTED RESULT: An unexpected improved quality is found in the spring function between the primary shaft (10) and the lure shaft (40) when the lure shaft is received into the second barrel as a means of lessening the "throw off" of bait which is seen as an unexpected improvement over the cited art.

SUMMARY OF APPEAL ARGUMENTS AND APPEAL FILING

The applicant has Appealed the Examiner's Final Office Action of August 6, 2004 with the Appeal filed November 1, 2004. This Brief on Appeal was filed less than

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60 days from the filing of the Appeal in accordance with 35 CFR 41.37(a)(1) which
requires filing of the Appellant's Brief within two months from the date of the notice of
appeal. Your applicant has tendered the original Brief on Appeal with the fees required
in 37 CFR 1.17(c) in the amount of \$250.00. Your applicant has herein responded to the
Examiner's Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 CFR 41.37
which was mailed by the Examiner June 8, 2005 and now submits a First Substitute Brief
on Appeal. Your applicant respectfully requests the Board to allow the claims as
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CLAIMS APPENDIX -- CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)

Claims 1, 3 and 4 were amended in the Response filed June 3, 2004.

- 1. (Previously amended) A fishing lure comprising:
 - a. an elongated primary shaft having a first end and a second end;
- b. an elongated lure shaft having a lure shaft first end and a lure shaft second end;
- c. the lure shaft at the lure shaft second end fixedly interconnected by shaft interconnection means to the primary shaft proximal the second end;
- d. a fish hook means having a hook shaft; the hook shaft secured by hook shaft affixing means to the primary shaft proximal the second end;
- e. lure shaft locking means proximal the first end to secure the lure shaft first end; means proximal the first end to receive fishing leader;
 - f. the lure shaft sized to receive a lure or a bate; the bate secured from "throw off" by the lure shaft at the lure shaft first end being received by the locking
- 2. (Original) The fishing lure according to claim 1 further comprising:
- a. the elongated primary shaft and the lure shaft are composed of a rigid material:
- b. the shaft interconnection means is by welding, wire wrap, wire twist, or ferrule:
- c. hook shaft affixing means to the primary shaft is by welding, wire wrap, wire twist or ferrule;
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d. lure shaft locking means is by ferrule means.

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3. (Original) The fishing lure according to claim 2 further comprising:

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a. the rigid material composing the primary shaft and the lure shaft formed from metal wire;

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b. the shaft interconnection means is by wire twist of the lure shaft proximal the lure shaft second end about the primary shaft proximal the second end;

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c. the lure shaft locking means is by a double barrel ferrule; the double barrel ferrule having a first barrel receiving and securing the primary shaft proximal the first end and having a second barrel receiving the lure shaft at the lure shaft first end;

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d. the hook shaft affixing means to the primary shaft is by a ferrule having a first ferrule end and a second ferrule end; the first ferrule end receiving the primary shaft at the second end; the second ferrule end receiving the hook shaft; crimping means to

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a. the metal wire is a tobacco colored wire;

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4. (Previously amended) The fishing lure according to claim 3, further comprising:

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b. the lure shaft having a spring function urging the sure shaft away from the primary shaft when the lure shaft (40) is received into the second barrel (130).

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